WE ARE NOT AFRAID IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH

WE WILL NOT LET THEM DIVIDE US

THE GOVERNMENT, THE POLICE AND THE MEDIA are using the Brink's robbery in Nyack, New York to launch a campaign of terror against Black people. On Tuesday, October 26 more than 200 police, four Air Force SWAT teams, three armored tanks and two helicopters were used to arrest one Black woman, Sister Fulani (Cynthia Boston), in a small farmhouse in rural Mississippi. There were 11 children in the house. Sister Fulani was not arrested for committing a crime, but for conspiracy. Her husband, Bilal Sunni-Ali (William Johnson) is also being sought for conspiracy. More than 1,000 miles away in Long Island, New York, a SWAT team surrounded and raided a house where 23-year old Karen Smith, her father, and two other people were working. They were ordered outside and arrested by one of the most "massive displays of police force" ever, because police received an "anonymous" tip that Karen Smith was Assata Shakur. The four of them were taken to police headquarters so police could "check their identification." Karen Smith was charged with resisting arrest because she refused to be handcuffed. A man passing by who asked for directions was ordered to spread-eagle and was searched.

On Friday, October 22, police chased a car with a license plate number on it they said they had seen in Nyack. When the incident was over Mtayari Sundiata (Samuel Smith) was dead, shot in the head by the police, who were heard to say jubilantly over the radio, "we win one." Sekou Odinga (Nathaniel Burns) was arrested and tortured and terrorized because he refused to give the police any names and because he did not know the whereabouts of people they asked about.

It is significant that the events of last week are occurring at a time when this government has made the deepest cuts in social programs in history, at a time when the government itself has predicted an upsurge in the Black Liberation Movement. This government is using a tactic that it developed and refined in Vietnam, Guatemala, El Salvador, South Africa and throughout Latin America, in which police raids, harassment, intimidation and beatings are used to prevent people from fighting and struggling for their freedom and liberation. It is not working in those places and it won't work with us.

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A TERRORIST AND A FREEDOM FIGHTER

As the government, the media, the police and the powers that rule define it, a terrorist is:

1. One who fights for his or her people's freedom, land and destiny. (Zimbabweans, Nicaraguans, Mozambicans, Angolans, and the Vietnamese were terrorists before they regained control of their land and destiny. Black South Africans, Namibians, Palestinians, Puerto Ricans and Irish people who struggle to take control of their country out of foreign hands);
2. One who fights for freedom, human dignity, human rights, better working conditions. (Harriet Tubman, Gabriel Prosser, Nat Turner, Denmark Vesey, George Jackson, Malcolm X, Assata Shakur, Mtayari Sun diata, Frederick Douglass and Martin Luther King, Jr.).

3. One who believes that we should not submit passively to the wrongs and abuses that have been heaped upon us, people who have been servants of the community our freedom fighters. (Mtayari Sundiata). Samuel Smith had devoted his life to the cause of Black freedom. He worked tirelessly in Oceanhill Brownsville and in Harlem to change the oppressive conditions that exist in our communities;

4. Groups who work to "change the U.S. government as we know it," which should be just about everybody; groups who work to build socialism, an economic and social system much more fair and just than the greedy, bloodthirsty capitalist system we live under; groups who struggle for the independence of Black people from this system or for Black nationhood, such as the Republic of New Africa.

They will tell us that these people and groups are terrorists and have nothing to do with us, but we know this is not true. They have lied to us. We must not let their values and their outlook determine how we look at each other. We are sisters and brothers. We are one. We must unite against the real enemy, the real terrorists.

WHO ARE THE REAL TERRORIST?

We know who the real terrorists are. The real terrorists are the landlords who deprive us of decent housing, heat and hot water.

The real terrorists

1. Deny Black and Hispanic youth an education, jobs and a future.

The real terrorists

2. Deny senior citizens Social Security, Medicaid and Medicare.

The real terrorists

3. Deny poor people adequate housing and health care.

The real terrorists

4. Bust unions such as PATCO and they deliberately create an accelerated unemployment.

The real terrorists

5. Build neutron bombs and have our children eat ketchup for lunch.

The real terrorists

6. Fund and enforce apartheid in Southern Africa.

The real terrorists

7. Deny poor people bail, trail by a jury of their peers.

WE WILL PROTECT AND DEFEND ALL THOSE WHO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM

We will always protect and defend our freedom fighters from the real terrorists as we would members of our own family. We will never turn our backs on our freedom fighters. We say to them that they are welcome and safe in our homes and in our communities. We will not give any information to the police. We will not collaborate with those who shoot our children, who protect drug pushers and who harass and intimidate us. We will not betray our heritage and our glorious history of resistance and struggle.

We must intensify our struggle against the real terrorists. Do not wait until large numbers of our people are freezing to death or starving. Do not wait until the police are arresting you or a member of your family. Organize in your building, on your block. Join an existing organization to fight back against every abuse and every injustice.

The U.S. government is a terrorist, criminal government. Ronald Reagan and his policy makers and their budget cuts will cause the misery, suffering and death of thousands of people. The big banks and industrial corporations who are headquartered at Wall Street control all of the forces of terror.

FIGHT AGAINST THE REAL TERRORIST, THE CRIMINAL U.S. GOVERMENT

WE WILL CONTINUE TO RESIST AND STRUGGLE BY ANY AND EVERY MEANS NECESSARY UNTIL ALL OF OUR PEOPLE ARE FREE